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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2281.

The following licence condition will be enforced from November 1, 1914:—

xiv Cargo Boat
xv Ferry and Passenger Boat
xvi Steam Launch
xvii Chinese Boat

No. 5A. That no bricks, lime or other building materials, be landed at any public pontoon, jetty, or landing place, or on any public road, without the Council's permit, which may be obtained on application at the Public Works Office.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 29, 1914.

(*Translation*)

工部局諭

自本年十一月一日起凡西式駁船執照渡船執照小火輪執照華式駁船執照內開列加增之款應即實行此諭

第五甲除稟報本局工程處領有憑照外不准在各公用之道路或各公用靠岸浮艇或碼頭或各上岸處將磚頭石灰及各項遵房屋之材料運卸

西曆一九一四年十月二十九日第二六一一號

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2283.

LOAN OF 1914.

UNDER the authority of Resolutions V and VIII passed at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers on March 20, 1914, the Council hereby invites tenders for debentures to the extent of Tls. 200,000.

The debentures will bear interest at the rate of 5½ per centum per annum, payable on December 31 and June 30 in each year. They will be redeemable in not less than 10 and not more than 30 years at such times, in such amounts, and in such manner, as the Council may from time to time determine.

Tenders for the whole of the Loan or for any part thereof will be received by the undersigned up to noon on Wednesday, November 18, when the allotment will be made. They should be marked "Tenders for Debentures," and sealed.

The scrip will be issued in amounts of Tls. 100 and upwards, to suit the convenience of tenderers.

The entire sum allotted will be payable upon notice of allotment, and failing such payment the allotment may be cancelled.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 5, 1914.

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION.

No. 2284.

POLICE SPECIAL SERVICES.

THE services of the Police for private duties may be secured, upon application to the Captain-Superintendent, under the following Revised Tariff:—

Per day of 8 hours	
Foreign Mounted Sergeant or Constable	$50
Sikh Mounted Sergeant or Constable	15
Foreign Sergeant or Constable	16
Sikh " "	6
Chinese " "	3
Per month	
Sikh Sergeant or Constable	$45
Chinese " "	25

The Council reserves the right to refuse applications when the Public Service requires, or otherwise in its discretion.

By order,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 12, 1914.

AT the meeting of the Building Rules Commission held on Thursday, November 5, 1914, at 4.30 p.m., there were:—

Present:
Messrs. H. C. Gulland (*Chairman*)
F. H. Crossley
W. H. Trenchard Davis
E. C. Emmett
S. J. Halse
C. H. Godfrey
(*Municipal Engineer*)
P. Peebles
M. W. Pett
(*Chief Officer, Fire Brigade*)
G. H. Wright
(*Legal Adviser*)

The meeting adjourned at 6.35 p.m.

Volunteer Corps.

Austro-Hungarian Company.—The following particulars of the Uniform of this Company, forwarded by the Commandant, are approved by the Council:—

Jacket.—Serge Khaki for winter, with Stand and Fall Collar, blue gorget patches, two breast and two side pockets with flaps, shoulder straps fastened with large Corps buttons, five bone buttons in front, one small Corps button on each cuff, cuff to have half inch black braid with quarter inch yellow braid in centre.

Trousers.—Serge Khaki, with quarter inch blue piping.

Cap.—Somewhat similar to that worn by "A" Company.

Leggings.—Brown Canvas (Short).

Road Extensions and Widenings.

Fokien Road.—The claim of Messrs. Hanson, McNeill & Jones has been accepted for the surrender of part of the scheduled area of Lot 332 at the assessed value, Tls. 21,000 per mow, plus ten per cent for compulsory surrender, or Tls. 554 for Mow 0.024.

Great Western Road.—Correspondence with the French Council on this subject:—

Translation of letter from the French Council, October 24, 1914.

Sir,—As a result of the agreement with the Chinese Authorities giving the Great Western Road as the limit of the extension of the French Concession to the north, the Council has had under consideration the matter of constructing a road which would join on to the Great Western Road, and with it would form a common boundary to the two Concessions.

The plan prepared accordingly by the Municipal Engineer allows for this public roadway a total width of 60 feet, which would be obtained by culverting the Changpang Creek and carrying out certain expropriations to the south.

The Council expresses the wish that the Municipal Council will be so good as to approve this project in principle, which would then be carried out, as in the case of Boulevard Edouard VII, under an agreement upon the subject of all matters relating to the construction, maintenance, policing and lighting of the said road.

I am, etc.,
J. Dantin,
Secretary.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, November 4, 1914.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 24, on the subject of the Great Western Road.

In reply I am directed to state that the new line of the road proposed in collaboration by the Engineers to the two Councils, has received the Council's formal approval. The road will thereby be widened to 70 (not 60) feet, but it must be understood that the Council is not prepared to make any change in the police administration of this district, nor to incur any expenditure on the widening of the road which is contemplated, pending conclusion of the negotiations for the extension of the Foreign Settlement.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. Leveson,
Secretary.

J. Dantin, Esq.,
Secretary,
French Municipal Council.

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Markham Road.—The offer of Messrs. Moorhead & Halse to surrender Mow 0.46 ex Lot 4325 at the assessed value plus 10 per cent. has been accepted: Tls. 1,771. The line of this surrender is an amendment of the scheduled line.

Simla Road.—Correspondence on the subject of this road, in terms of which the amount of the compensation to be paid to the owners concerned will be fixed by the Land Commission:—

Shanghai, June 26, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the road which is scheduled to run from the Yangtszepoo Road to the river through Cadastral Lots No. 6060 and 6062 Eastern, a scheme is being matured to utilize Cadastral Lots No. 6060, 6062 and the unregistered lot adjoining for an industrial enterprise, and the road as scheduled will interfere with the developement of the aforesaid lots to such an extent as to make it absolutely useless for the purpose required.

Being the beneficial owner of the lots I therefore beg to enclose plan of aforesaid lots together with that of Cadastral Lot No. 6058 on which I have shown the line of the road as scheduled, and the line I propose it should take, and I shall be much obliged by your early consent to the proposed change.

I may mention I have approached the Agent of the owner of Cadastral Lot No. 6058 on the subject of my proposal, and he approves of same, and a plan has been forwarded by him to the owner for his authority to do what is necessary to effect it.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
TAM WA.

CHAS. H. GODFREY, Esq.,
Municipal Engineer & Surveyor.

Council Room,
Shanghai, July 13, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of June 26, addressed to the Municipal Engineer, in reference to the scheduled position of the Simla Road between the Yangtszepoo Road and the River.

In reply thereto I am directed to state that the Council has no objection to the transfer of the road 300 feet or thereabouts westward, provided the requisite land in the new position be surrendered without claim upon the public funds, and provided the new line of the road is made straight throughout its whole length.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

TAM WA, Esq.

Shanghai, July 24, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 13 on the subject of the removal of the proposed Simla Road in the Eastern District some 300 feet or thereabouts west of the present scheduled line, and I note the Council would have no objection to the change, provided the requisite land is surrendered without claim on the Public funds, and provided also that the new line of road is made straight throughout its whole length.

With regard to the condition that the new line of road be surrendered free, you must I think admit that this is a most unreasonable demand, as some portion of the present scheduled line will have to be paid for by the Council, and the most you can reasonably ask for is that the public shall be placed in the same position as regards the new line of road as with the present line.

As to the condition that the road shall run straight its whole length, that is impossible, as it would take from Cadastral Lot 6058 a portion of its already narrow frontage to the river, unless the Council was prepared to surrender a corresponding piece from the eastern boundary of Lot No. 6054.

The road as scheduled would only run straight to the river boundary of the lot, and from there to the normal Conservancy line at right angles with that line, which is all that can be expected of the road on the line proposed unless my suggestion of a corresponding surrender from Lot 6054 is adopted.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
TAM WA.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, September 2, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to the correspondence and the subsequent interview with Mr. C. Harpur relative to the proposed Simla Road, we the undersigned beg respectfully to request that the aforesaid road be constructed in accordance with the plan submitted to you, and that it be constructed 30 feet in width instead of 40 feet; a strip from B.C. Lot No. 3350 being surrendered free to the Council, and the balance required from B.C. Lot No. 2269 to be surrendered when the road is constructed, the question of compensation for the land surrendered from the latter lot to remain in abeyance until such times as the public need for the aforesaid road calls for its construction.

We are, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
TAM WA.
R. D. TATA.
by his Representative,
p. pro. TATA SON & CO.
B. H. DASTUR.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, September 7, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to our interview re diversion of the Simla Road, I gathered from your remarks, you were under the impression that in the letter of September 2, it was requested that the above road should be constructed immediately the diversion was agreed upon.

That, however, was not what was intended or desired.

What was intended was a request that the road instead of being made in the position shown on the Cadastral Plan should be constructed along the Western boundary of Cadastral Lot No. 6060 the portion of the land required for it from that lot being surrendered free, and the remainder from Cadastral Lot number 6058, and that the question of compensation for the land surrendered from the latter lot could remain in abeyance until such time as the Council considered it necessary in the public interest to construct the road.

With regard to the road being constructed 30 feet instead of 40 feet in width as scheduled, in support of this request I cite the case of the Dalny Road which was scheduled 40 feet in width between the Yangtszepoo Road and river.

It is, however, constructed 40 feet in width from the road to the old Bund line, and from there to the conservancy line 30 feet in width, a lease in perpetuity having been granted me for the 10 feet strip at a nominal rental of one dollar per annum, and if a road 30 feet in width is considered sufficient in the case of the Dalny Road which will in all probability be very extensively used, there can surely be no necessity for the Simla Road being of a greater width, particularly when its position in comparision with the Dalny Road is taken into consideration.

I am, Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
TAM WA.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,
Secretary, Municipal Council.

Council Room,
Shanghai, October 3, 1912.

SIR,—In reply to your letters of September 2 and 7, containing the correspondence on the subject of the projected Simla Road, I am directed to state that the Council, while still willing that the line of the road be transferred into such a position as will suit your development proposals, is unable to assent to the suggestion that its width be reduced from 40 to 30 feet. It is not unlikely that this neighbourhood will eventually comprise godowns and factories with an attendant heavy traffic, and the Council is therefore of opinion that it would be exceedingly short-sighted to construct roads of a less width than the standard 40 feet.

As regards the surrender of land for road purposes, the Council considers that, in whatever precise situation, the land should be surrendered free; at the same time the Council is prepared to defray one-half of any necessary charges incurred for shenkoing and filling.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
W. E. LEVESON,
Secretary.

TAM WA, Esq.

Shanghai, May 1, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed by the Miye Boseki Kaisha to write to you with reference to the extension of the Simla Road which is scheduled as a proposed Municipal Road connecting the Yangtszepoo Road with the Whangpoo River and thereby cutting in half the property which our clients have recently acquired.

Our clients have now purchased U.S. Lot 534 (Cadastral Lot 6065) B.C. Lot 3852 (Cadastral 6062), B.C. Lot 3350 (Cadastral 6060) and B.C. Lot 2269 (Cadastral 6058) together with

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the intermediate unregistered land; and the whole property, with the area to be shenkoed to the Conservancy Line, is to be raised and used as the site for a very large cotton mill, which will be supplied with power by the Municipal Electric Power Station.

If the Simla Road is constructed on the lines scheduled it will divide this property into two halves, and make it impossible for our clients to utilize in the manner proposed by them.

The road in question is not a continuation of any existing, or proposed, Municipal Road, and our clients hope that the Council may see their way to either abandon it as not required, or to divert it.

The Council, as the owners of the land on which the Power Station is built, can construct this road on their own land to the west of our clients' land if it is considered that access to the river must be preserved at this point: apart from that reason it will be observed that practically all the land on both sides of the Power Station is about to be used for large manufacturing concerns and a road here is certainly not required for our clients' purpose.

Our clients ask us to point out that they contemplate great development of this land at very considerable expense. One result of which will be a greatly increased Municipal revenue from taxation, and they hope that their interests will be duly considered when this question of the proposed road is under discussion.

We are therefore asked to say that the Company do not think that any road is necessary on the lines scheduled, but that if a road must be constructed at this point it should be diverted from its scheduled site to the Municipal land to the west of Cadastral Lot 6058.

We are,

Yours faithfully,

WHITE-COOPER & OPPE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, June 25, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to our letter of May 1 we are now instructed by the proprietors of this lot to make a formal protest under the terms of Land Regulation VIA against the construction of the proposed Simla Road and to request the Council to appoint a day and time at which our clients may show cause against the construction of the road in accordance with the provisions of that Regulation.

Yours faithfully,

WHITE-COOPER & OPPE.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

We hereby appoint Messrs. H. S. Oppe and Tam Wa as our proxies to appear before the Municipal Council and show cause why the proposed Simla Road should not be made.

Dated the 29th day of June, 1914.

A. S. P. WHITE-COOPER.

K. KAWAMURA.

Extract from the minutes of the Meeting of the Works Committee of June 29, 1914.

Messrs. H. S. Oppe and Tam Wa attend to protest in terms of Article IVA of the Land Regulations against the construction of the Simla road. Mr. Oppe points out the inconvenience of the present position to the Miye Boseki Kaisha, Ld., who are about to erect a cotton mill in this neighbourhood; he maintains that the cancellation of the scheduled line will not be detrimental to the public interests because of the public water frontage at the point. He also alludes to the width of the blocks between the Delhi, Mysore and Samarang Roads in comparison with those east and west of the Simla Road. The Chairman points out that the Simla Road has been scheduled for a number of years and that it is the Council's intention, as the Eastern District Section B develops, to secure the five 40-foot roads south of Yangtszepoo Road for the purpose of public access to the river. He adds that the Council is prepared to move the line of the Simla Road east or west to suit the convenience of the owners concerned. After some further discussion Mr. Oppe is informed that there is little chance that the Council will entertain his proposal to abandon the road, but for the present his protest is noted.

Messrs. Oppe and Tam Wa then withdraw, Mr. Oppe subsequently returning for the purpose of stating that if the road cannot be abandoned the most favourable position for it from Mr. Tam Wa's standpoint would be on the extreme west of the estate, i.e., adjoining the Riverside Power Station.

Council Room,

Shanghai, September 18, 1914.

SIR,—With regard to the plan of the projected Simla Road in the new position endorsed by yourself on August 21, I am directed to state that the Council is prepared to sanction this change of position provided the terms of surrender are considered satisfactory.

The Council is of opinion that were the road designed to lie evenly on two adjoining properties the land should equitably be surrendered without compensation by the parties concerned, for the reason that the extensive road frontage acquired thereby is of considerable advantage to the lots. On the other hand under the scheme now suggested the total area which you and those interested are called upon to surrender amounts to Mow 4.316, i.e., Mow 1.098 more than half the road.

I am directed, therefore, to state that the Council is prepared to pay for this excess area at the rate at which the lot is assessed for taxation, a total sum of Tls. 1,317.60. I am to express the hope that this offer may be acceptable to the interests which you represent.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. E. LEVESON,

Secretary.

TAM WA, Esq.

Shanghai, September 21, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—We are instructed to reply to your letter of September 18 in this matter.

The new road line is satisfactory to our clients but as they do not want any road made and the Council have insisted on a road being made solely on grounds of public benefit and our clients anticipate no betterment to their property by making the road they do not think that they should be called upon to make a free surrender of one-half of the width of the road. They think the Council should pay for all the land taken at its present market value. The assessed value is inapplicable as the assessment was made in 1911 when the land was an unraised swamp; since then it has been raised and very much increased in value largely owing to expenditure made on it.

Considering, however, that the Council have met our clients as regards the deviation of the road our clients are prepared to surrender one-third of the width of the road free, and the remainder at the market value of the land taken. The land was recently sold at the rate of Tls. 2,200 per mow and our clients suggest that this would be a fair rate for compensation. The actual cost of bunding of the entire width of the road should also be repaid to our clients.

Yours faithfully,

WHITE-COOPER & OPPE.

W. E. LEVESON, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Shanghai, November 5, 1914.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the suggested settlement in the matter of the Simla Road and our conversation with you yesterday we regret that we cannot come to an agreement. Our client consequently desires the question of compensation to be referred to the Land Commission.

Yours faithfully,

WHITE-COOPER & OPPE.

The SECRETARY,

Municipal Council.

Tramways.

Railless Route.—The Company notifies the Council of the inauguration of this service in the Fokien Road as follows:—

Shanghai, November 10, 1914.

SIR,—I am directed to advise you that the equipment for Railless Electric Traction in Fokien Road is complete and that all the cars have arrived and are available. Night training of motormen has been in progress on Fokien Road for the past three weeks with satisfactory results, and it is proposed, with the

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approval of the Council, to inaugurate the passenger service on Sunday, November 15, with provisional fares as follows:—

	1st Class	3rd Class
Sungkiang Road—Nanking Road	2 cents	1 cent
Nanking Road—Soochow Road	2 cents	1 cent
Sungkiang Road—Soochow Road	3 cents	2 cents

It is also proposed that the Tramway Season Tickets be made available on the Railless Cars.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

D. McColl,

General Manager,

Shanghai Electric Construction Co., Ld.

W. E. Leveson, Esq.,

Secretary, Municipal Council.

Public Band.

Public Performances.—On Sunday next, November 15, an orchestral concert will take place in the Town Hall, beginning at 4.30 p.m., and thereafter performances will be given in the Town Hall every Sunday at 4.30 p.m., and every Friday at 5.30 p.m., with the exception of Friday, December 18, when the Town Hall is reserved for the Cambridge Local Examinations.

The Sunday concerts will consist of orchestral pieces, and on Fridays dance music will be played. The public is reminded that at the Sunday performances the doors will be closed during the playing of each number on the programme and that children under 10 years of age are not admitted.

On Sunday, November 15, the programme will be as follows:—

Programme.

1. Largo — Handel
2. Three Dances from "Henry VIII" — German
3. Selection from "Samson et Délila" — Saint Saëns

4. Three Intermezzi
   (a) "Pagliacci" — Leoncavallo
   (b) "Tales of Hoffmann" — Offenbach
   (c) "Cavalleria Rusticana" — Mascagni
5. Concertino for Clarionet — Weber
   Solo: Mr. Ehmann
6. Variations on the German Volkslied "Kommt ein Vogel geflogen" — Ochs

Conductor, Professor R. Buck.

Municipal Staff.

Police Force.—The service of Constable W. J. Porter terminated on November 4, under medical certificate.

Electricity Department.—Mr. J. A. Smallbones was appointed Clerical Assistant with effect from November 2.

Mr. C. W. Glover was appointed Shift Engineer with effect from October 27.

Finance Department.—Special leave is granted to Mr. J. T. Ford, Assistant Treasurer, from November 13.

Notification of Infectious Disease.

The following have been reported during the week ending Sunday, November 8, 1914.	Cases notified among Non-Chinese population of 14,300	Deaths among Chinese population of 520,000
Small-pox.	1	5
Cholera.	0	0
Typhoid Fever.	1	—
Diphtheria.	0	1
Scarlet Fever.	0	0
Tuberculosis.	0	21
Plague.	0	1
Dysentery	2	6
Total Deaths from all Causes	6	149

Arthur Stanley,

Health Officer.

Plans of New Buildings Approved.

Cad. Lot	Road.	Applicant.	Description.
			Foreign
S of 1561	Paoting	China Land & Building Co., Ld.	1 Conservatory & Stable
6044	Yangtszepoo	China Import & Export Lumber Co., Ld.	1 house & shed (amended plan)
1300	Bubbling Well	Atkinson & Dallas Ld.	9 shops, Garage & Cinematograph Theatre (amended plan)
1298	Burkill	International Recreation Club	1 Garage & boundary wall
E of 1790	Great Western	Chinese	1 Conservatory
			Chinese
524	Kiukiang & Fokien	Tilley & Limby	47 houses & 3 gatehouses (amended plan)
670, 672	Purdon & Boone	Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ld.	112 houses & 3 gatehouses
1085, 1086, 1088	Avenue	Atkinson & Dallas Ld.	95 houses & 4 gatehouses
E of 3166	Gordon	Chinese	5 houses
S of 2926	do.	do.	3 houses
W of 3906	do.	do.	5 houses
905	Sinza	do.	2 houses
S of 1128	Tatung	do.	19 houses & 5 gatehouses

Report of Captain-Superintendent of Police for October.

Strength of the Force on October 31.

Officers	8	
Foreigners	232	
Sikhs	586	
Chinese	1,155	1,981
Clerical and Teaching Staff	57	
Followers	184	241
	Total	2,222

The month of October has been, from a Police point of view, one of the worst in recent years. Four murders, one attempted murder, nine armed robberies and two highway robberies comprise the more serious crimes. Five arrests were made in connexion with the murders, and 12 gang robbers have been apprehended.

On October 5 the body of an unemployed mafoo was found lying in the Kin Wo Ka, off Nanking Road, bearing knife wounds. One man was arrested, but the Court found the evidence insufficient to convict.

On October 7 five men entered an exchange and general shop at 681 Carter Road. Three of them were armed with pistols. An assistant in the shop was shot at and wounded, but he has since recovered. The robbers then stole some $250 and ran away, pursued by a neighbour. The latter was shot through the chest and died in a few minutes. A number of other shots were fired, but no further casualties occurred.

On the evening of October 11 the body of a Chinese was found on the Bund foreshore, near the Customs Jetty, wrapped up in a cotton bed. The man had recently been strangled. Three arrests were made in this case and it seems certain that deceased was a member of a gang of robbers and had been murdered on suspicion of treachery to the other members of his gang. Two men have been handed over to the Chinese Authorities, and the third has been sentenced to imprisonment for life.

At about mid-day on October 29 a pawnshop assistant, in a ricsha, was waylaid in the Tiendong Road, by two men armed with pistols who rushed out of an alleyway. He was shot dead and the miscreants made off with $470 which he had been collecting from various banks. In spite of the fact that this crime was committed in a crowded thoroughfare in broad daylight, the murderers got away without the least hindrance; and the ricsha coolie finding that the body of his fare had fallen on to the road, went off leisurely down the street and disappeared.

At 1.20 a.m., October 29, Chinese P.C. 1012 in attempting to arrest a well-known expelled criminal in Shanse Road, was shot in the shoulder and the criminal escaped. At 4.20 p.m. on the same date the wanted man was arrested in a motor car, the arrest being due to an exceedingly plucky piece of work by a Chinese Detective Constable assisted by a friend. The arrested man was armed with a Browning automatic pistol.

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Four accomplices have also been arrested, and a further accomplice committed suicide by drowning when pursued by a Foreign Detective.

On October 18 two Foreigners armed with revolvers entered pawnshop No. 901 Woosung Road, held up the inmates, emptied the till of some $75, assaulted the manager and finally left in ricshas. The man with the money escaped, while the other was arrested after firing two shots to intimidate his pursuers. The latter was charged at the American Court and has since been sentenced to three years' imprisonment. Three armed robberies in the Sinza district are thought to be the work of the same gang.

In addition to the crimes recorded above, on October 5 the strong room of Messrs. Hall & Holtz, Ld., was robbed of $1,500.

T. R. Crank, arrested for forgery on October 17, was sentenced at H.B.M.'s Supreme Court to 12 months' imprisonment with hard labour on each of two charges.

W. T. Evans, arrested on October 20 on charges of fraud, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment by the British Police Court Magistrate on October 30.

On October 23 several rifle bullets were found suspended in the chimneys of offices occupied by Mr. G. McBain and Messrs. The American Trading Co.

Turning from specific cases to statistics of crime in general the total number of larcenies, whilst in excess of those reported for most previous months of this year, is not abnormal when compared with the winter months of other years. The outstanding features of the larceny returns do not deviate from the normal in the totals for the whole Settlement, but an abnormal increase in the Hongkew district is shewn. The latter totals no less than 97 larcenies and 17 burglaries, the numbers for the previous month being 71 and 4 respectively.

During the month the painters in the Settlement struck work and demanded an increase of wages. This strike seems to have been conducted in a very quiet and orderly manner, and was speedily ended in an agreement between masters and men.

The closing of the Yangkingpang and Defence Creek appears to have given rise to apprehension in some quarters that trouble would ensue among local boatmen affected, but the observations of the Police in this Settlement and Frenchtown show that such fears are not justified.

Some uneasiness showed itself in the Sikh Branch earlier in the month, owing to the various rumours of unrest in India, etc. This uneasiness seems to have now disappeared, but with the situation that exists to-day it will not be surprising if this uneasiness should again become apparent.

During the month 7 chauffeurs were prosecuted for offences against the license conditions. The number of accidents in which motor cars and tramcars were concerned were 31 and 24 respectively.

Fires.—Ten fires occurred during the month, 5 of which were extinguished by the Brigade and the remainder by the Police and inmates.

Identification Office.—During the month 571 prisoners passed through this office for identification prior to going to Court for trial, out of which number 205 were identified as having a previous conviction or convictions. In addition to the above 272 records were received from the French Police, out of which number 126 were identified in the records of this office, making the total for the month:—

For identification	843
Identified	331
Percentage	39
Deportees re-arrested and charged with returning only	14
Deportees re-arrested and charged with other offences and returning	41
Total deportees	55

The prisoners who passed through the Identification Office during the month are classified as follows:—

278 *First offenders* (minor.)—Larcenies, assaults, etc.
88 *First offenders* (serious.)—Fraud, burglary, robberies.
63 *Second offenders.*—Not expelled.
22 *Third offenders.* do.
65 *Habitual offenders.* do. These prisoners are constantly in and out, receiving very small sentences. None have less than three previous convictions.
55 *Well-known offenders.*—These are all men with numerous convictions and are all deportees. Included in this number are 9 men who had previously been released under the Mark System of Remission of Sentence.

571 Total

Sick Returns.—Average daily number of men sick.

Foreigners	17.45
Sikhs	15.09
Chinese	15.29
All Branches	47.83

Average daily percentage of strength Sick.

Foreigners	7.00
Sikhs	2.58
Chinese	1.31
All Branches	2.32
Average Daily Strength of Force	1,997

Return of Convict Labour for October.

Gross value of work performed for the Public Works Department	Tls. 403.53
Less. Repairs, hammer handles, etc.	80.60
Total	Tls. 322.93
Gross value of work performed in addition to that for the Public Works Department	Tls. 4,979.61
Less. Cost of raw materials, etc.	2,407.36
Total	Tls. 2,572.25
Grand Total earned by Convict Labour	Tls. 2,895.18

Here follow tables of persons coming under the notice of Police for criminal and other offences, punishments inflicted, prisoners in custody, vehicles licenses suspended and confiscated, dogs captured, etc., value of property stolen and recovered.

E. I. M. Barrett,
Acting Captain-Superintendent of Police.

RETURN OF FOREIGNERS COMING UNDER NOTICE OF POLICE FOR CRIMINAL AND OTHER OFFENCES.

1.—*Offences against the person:*—	
Assault	4
2.—*Offences against property:*—	
Larceny	3
Armed robbery and attempted murder	1
3.—*Offences of a public nature:*—	
Breach of Licensing Bye-law or of Licence Conditions:—	
Dogs	2
Hotel	1
Fire-arm	1
Drunk, disorderly and assault, etc.	8
Fighting and Creating a Disturbance	2
Vagrancy and bribery	1
Being an idle & disrepatable person, etc.	2
Total	25

	Foreigners	Natives	Total
Not Charged:			
Beggars, Hawkers, etc.		2,025	2,025
Others	46	644	690
Total	46	2,669	2,715

RETURN OF SENTENCES AND DECISIONS.

Bail forfeited	1
Cautioned	1
Dismissed	1
Fined	6
Imprisonment	11
Remanded	1
Committed for trial	1
Conviction entered but imposed no fine	1
Fine and to pay compensation	1
Judgment deferred	1
Total	25

PRISONERS IN CUSTODY

on October 31.

Central Station	28
Louza Station	33
Hongkew Station	33
Harbin Road Station	9
West Hongkew Station	25
Wayside Station	11
Yangtszepoo Station	7
Sinza Station	17
Bubbling Well Station	7
Gordon Road Station	8
Gaol	1,069
Total	1,247

VEHICLE LICENCES.

	Suspended	Confiscated
Ricsha	261	240
Wheelbarrow	nil.	nil.
Handcart	nil.	nil.
Total	261	240

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VALUE OF PROPERTY STOLEN BETWEEN September 26 and October 30, 1914.

	Dollars
Stolen	46,010.67
Recovered	19,919.05

DOGS.

At Kennels on 30/9/14	30	199
Captured	169	
Returned	40	199
Killed	129	
At Observation Kennels	1	
Remaining at Kennels	29	

Engineer's Report for October.

Despite trade depression there appears to be no great surplus of unskilled labour. An average number of about 2,500 coolies (excluding artisans) is employed at this time of the year most of whom receive 280 cash per day. This is a bare living wage and is below the general market rate so that none but the lowest class of labourer seeks employment on public work.

The total number of coolies discarded daily does not exceed 100 and many of these are not accepted as they are physically unfit for manual labour. In the Western District there is usually a shortage and the surplus occurs more particularly in the Eastern District.

In the Central and Northern Districts the supply of labour just exceeds the demand by a few coolies daily.

Owing to a shortage of warders the supply of convict labour on outside works has ceased, except at the Ewo Road Stonebreaking Yard, a proportionately large number of warders are required when the convicts are employed in the open on road work.

The new steel pontoon for the Wayside Wharf has been completed and fixed in position. It is 73ft. long and 25ft. wide with two approach bridges 15ft. wide. This completes the Wayside Wharf scheme with the exception of the paving of the road which cannot be proceeded with for some months pending the consolidation of the mud filling.

Roads.—Hardoon Road has been culverted and formed between Bubbling Well Road and Great Western Road so far as the land has been acquired.

Great Western Road is being culverted between Tifeng Road and Edinburgh Road upon the completion of which the road will be available for vehicular traffic as a mud road.

Hart Road is being ballasted and metalled between Sinza Road and Connaught Road.

Tamsui Road is being drained, raised and formed South of Manila Road.

Upon the removal of the Chinese houses in the Woosung Road North of Range Road, the widening of the road was commenced. The construction of the proposed circus at the junction of Range Road and Woosung Road must await the completion of the New Hongkew Fire Station.

Tongdongkaloong is being made up as a 30ft. road for a distance of 240ft. East of North Chekiang Road.

Drainage.—The culverting of the Yung-Zeen-Pang East of Seymour Road is approaching completion. This work will allow of a useful widening being effected at the corner of Seymour Road and Bubbling Well Road.

Yangkingpang and Defence Dreek Culverting.—The Defence Creek was closed to traffic on October 24 in accordance with the notices which had been posted on the banks of the creek warning boat traffic to this effect. The Yangkingpang was similarly closed on November 1.

The present arrangement is that no work will be carried out on the culverting of the latter creek by this Department until the culvert for the French Council has been constructed.

In the Defence Creek dams have been placed at the Peking Road Bridge and the Burkill Road Bridge. The water has been removed by pumping and excavations for the foundations of the culvert are proceeding in this section.

Bundings.—The short length of wooden bunding in Soochow Road west of North Chekiang Road has been replaced in concrete.

Good progress has been made with the concrete bunding in Lay Road north of Yangtszepoo Road.

The construction of the concrete bunding along the Sawginkiang is proceeding somewhat slowly on account of repeated flooding of the cofferdam.

The wooden bunding on the West Soochow Road east of Mokanshan Road has been taken out of the Contractor's hands owing to the slow progress he was making.

Buildings.—The Contractor has commenced work upon the new Central Municipal Offices and is erecting the necessary worksheds and bringing plant to the site.

A temporary road widening has been effected on the Foochow and Kiangse Road frontages. Upon the completion of the new buildings the width of the adjoining roads will be further increased.

At the Riverside Power Station work is proceeding upon the construction of a concrete air filter and upon the bricking in of the boilers.

At the Tonquin Road Sub-Station the brick walls are up to first floor level and the transformer foundations are in hand.

The new harness room at the Bubbling Well Police Station in completed.

The boundary wall at Sinza Police Station is completed and the Hose Tower has been constructed to a height of 30ft.

The boundary wall at Yangtszepoo Police Station is completed.

Work is proceeding upon the new playshed at the Ellis Kadoorie School.

Pingchiao Quarry.—The transport arrangements made with the new Contractor are proving satisfactory and there is now no shortage of material.

The No. 1 crusher was out of commission part of the month for repairs. Hand breaking is being resorted to, to a somewhat larger extent, some 200 people being employed for this purpose alone. By this means the deficiency due to the inaction of the large No. 3 crusher is being made good.

Cleansing and Watering.	*Cartloads*
Road sweepings collected	4,664
Used for raising land	433
Ashes collected	14
Water used for street watering	5,293,800 gallons.

Labour.—The average number of coolies employed was as follows:—

Coolies	2,494
Foremen	183
Mafoos	167
Artisans	383
Convicts	149

Concreteware.—The following has been produced during the month:—

Hand-made	1,903 pieces
Machine-made	823 ,,

A large number of concrete ducts are being made for the Telephone Company.

Casual Ward.—There were 35 admissions during the month and 316 cubic feet of stone broken.

New Buildings.—

Summary of work done during October.

Description	*Total*
*Buildings under construction	306
Plans submitted for approval	53
Plans approved	43
Inspections by Inspectors	2,328
Boundary walls erected	6
Carpenter sheds erected	11
Repairs to buildings effected	80
New shop fronts inserted	34
Shop fronts, etc., painted	234
Alterations effected	28
Fences erected	24
Sign-boards erected	499
Drying Stage erected	1
Temporary cloth sunshade erected	1
Temporary mat sunshades erected	31
Dangerous notices issued	5
Summonses	0
Encroachment reported and rectified	1

*These figures refer to the number of blocks of buildings under construction, the number of houses would be considerably greater.

Dangerous Structures.

Dangerous structures reported by the Public Works Department	5
First Intimation Notices issued	5

Survey Work.

Official measurements of new land lots attended during the month	66
Boundary stone certificates issued	96
Consular lots surveyed	38
New Consular lots placed under taxation	13
Official plans prepared	29
Surveys made in connexion with Road Widenings and/or Extensions	113
Lots examined to ascertain whether they included roads and/or waterways which are or may in future be of use to the public	66

M. C. R. Stones have been erected as follows:—

Central District	10
Northern ,,	4
Eastern ,,	130
Western ,,	16

CHAS. H. GODFREY,
Engineer & Surveyor.

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Record of Calls on the Fire Brigade for October.

Date	Time of Alarm	Municipal and Fire Districts	Road	Class of Fire	Class of Building	Alarm	Buildings Affected	Time at Fire	Remarks
Oct. 1	5.53 p.m.	Central 6	Thibet			Bell			False Alarm
3	9.50 p.m.	Central 3	Fokien & Ningpo	Small	Chinese	Bell	5 damaged	½ hour	
6	11.30 p.m.	Central 3	Ningpo	,,	,,	Telephone		5 minutes	
10	9.17 a.m.	Eastern 1	Dixwell	,,	Foreign	Bell		15 minutes	
13	2.52 p.m.	Eastern 1	Yangtszepoo	,,	,,	Telephone		15 minutes	Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill
22	11.45 a.m.	Western 7	Robinson			Telephone			A tar boiler on fire
24	5.27 p.m.	Central 6	Chekiang	Small	Chinese	Bell	1 destroyed & 5 damaged	1 hour	
24	6.06 p.m.	Eastern 1	Off Yuenfong	,,	,,	Bell	1 destroyed	1 hour	
25	7.20 p.m.	Northern 8	Kaifeng	,,	,,	Telephone		10 minutes	
28	5.32 a.m.	Northern 2	N. Szechuen	,,	,,	Bell	3 very slightly damaged	½ hour	

SUMMARY.—During October 10 calls to fires, or supposed fires, within the Settlement were received; the estimated damage being Tls. 4,200 as against Tls. 7,000 for the corresponding month of 1913. It may be interesting to note that the fire loss to the end of October (10 months) is Tls. 235,125 as against Tls. 659,220 for the same period last year.

M. W. PETT, *Chief Officer.*

Summary of General Municipal Rate, September Quarter.
Foreign.

	1914.		1913.		1912.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.
		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District	685	2,211,740	685	2,160,066	686	2,261,919
Northern do.	1,076	905,773	1,076	896,450	1,073	877,316
Eastern do.	659	809,625	626	782,543	611	786,242
Western do.	889	1,061,929	866	1,040,237	839	1,004,220
Outside Settlement Limits	486	326,190	422	268,900	386	244,597
Total	3,795	5,315,257	3,675	5,148,196	3,595	5,174,294
Occupied by Foreigners	2,791	3,988,226	2,696	3,860,546	2,614	3,742,245
do. Chinese	775	987,802	868	1,023,494	844	988,395
Unoccupied	229	339,229	111	264,156	137	443,654
Total	3,795	5,315,257	3,675	5,148,196	3,595	5,174,294
TAX COLLECTED :—		Tls.		Tls.		Tls.
Central District		59,483		60,595		58,314
Northern do.		23,969		25,057		24,395
Eastern do.		21,997		22,020		20,921
Western do.		26,447		27,911		27,225
Outside Settlement Limits		4,110		3,401		3,273
Total		136,006		138,984		134,128

Chinese.

	1914.		1913.		1912.	
	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Rental Assessment.	No. of Houses.	Renta Assessmlent.
		$		$		$
Central District	11,762	4,641,533	12,097	4,236,631	12,212	4,168,160
Northern do.	15,894	2,296,596	16,153	2,210,938	16,063	2,121,137
Eastern do.	13,994	1,072,124	13,711	1,023,386	13,435	967,354
Western do.	12,020	1,347,838	11,139	1,156,466	10,754	1,046,571
Outside Settlement Limits	1,095	92,810	1,054	85,866	1,113	91,742
Total	54,765	9,450,901	54,154	8,713,287	53,577	8,394,964
Occupied by Foreigners	1,694	356,518	1,532	341,796	1,451	327,400
do. Chinese	52,194	8,793,075	51,979	8,201,599	50,812	7,792,998
Unoccupied	877	301,308	643	169,892	1,314	274,566
Total	54,765	9,450,901	54,154	8,713,287	53,577	8,394,964
TAX COLLECTED :—		$		$		$
Central District		135,972		125,149		121,338
Northern do.		65,937		64,541		61,052
Eastern do.		31,309		29,730		27,451
Western do.		37,661		33,675		30,441
Outside Settlement Limits		1,327		1,178		1,312
Total		272,206		254,273		241,594

E. J. ALLEN, *Overseer of Taxes.*

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TENDERS FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING MUNICIPAL TENDERS.

1. The Council reserves to itself the right to accept the whole or part of any tender.

2. The Council does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender or to pay any expenses which the tenderers may incur in tendering.

3. The contractor whose tender is eventually accepted may be required to give satisfactory security for the performance of the contract.

4. The names of tenderers, with prices quoted, will be published in the Municipal Gazette.

5. A fee may be charged for specifications, to be returned upon receipt of a *bonâ fide* tender.

6. Tenders, sealed and labelled on the outside as to their contents, should be forwarded, preferably by chit book or registered letter, to "The Secretary, Municipal Council, 24 Kiangse Road" not later than noon on the day fixed for their receipt.

工部局承攬信章程

一 所有承攬各項本局承認全份或幾份係本局自有權利

二 所有承攬價目雖是極低本局亦未定必准認承辦如有承辦人自行估價之用款本局亦不認付

三 擇定之後該承攬人須覓的實保人到局保其遵照合同辦理

四 所有承攬各人之信及承攬之價目以後登入本局公報俾人知悉

五 所有取閱說明清單若須付錢則本局必將其錢數在此論單內登明所收之錢俟得有的實承攬信後仍將該款一律退還

六 所有承攬信應妥實封固加蓋火漆其承攬何項工料等物必於信面寫明送至江西路二十三號工部局總辦處須在定期日上午十二時之前以用送信簿或由掛號信送來最善 此次概免交說明清單費

所有承攬事件由英文開列於下

TENDERS INVITED.

No.	Description.	Fee	Date for receipt of tenders.
	POLICE FORCE. Information on the subject of tenders under this Section may be obtained from the Storekeeper, Gordon Road.		
41.	100 yards Blue Beaver Cloth, No. 1 quality.	—	December 31.
42.	50 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 2 ,,	—	do.
43.	2,200 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 3 ,,	—	do.
44.	400 ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, 4 ,,	—	do.
45.	5,000 ,, ,, Indigo Serge.	—	do.
46.	800 ,, Khaki Woollen Serge.	—	do.
47.	2,200 ,, Cotton Lining.	—	do.
48.	75 pairs White Woollen Blankets, 63 x 84, 7lb. per pair.	—	do.
49.	250 ,, Brown Army Blankets, 68 x 90, 10lb. per pair.	—	do.
	To be delivered on or before June 30, 1915.	—	do.
	PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT. Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Public Works Offices, 7a The Bund.		
228.	Supply of Mild Steel Bars	—	November 23.
229.	Erection of Thomas Hanbury School for Boys	—	November 14.
230.	Painting and whitening at the Central Fire Station	—	November 13.
231.	Painting at Police Hospital for Chinese	—	November 13.
232.	Erection of Sentry Tower and rebuilding of Boundary Wall at the Gaol	—	November 13.
	ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT. Information as to tenders under this Section may be obtained at the Electricity Offices, 66 Szechuen Road.		
110.	990 yards Extra High Tension 6,600 Volt Cable	—	To be advertised about the end of November by Messrs. Preece, Cardew & Snell, 8 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, from whom specifications may be obtained.
111.	62 tons Galvanised Angle, Flat and Channel Iron	—	
112.	20 Electric Cooking Ranges	—	
113.	89 miles Triple Braid Copper Wire and Cable	—	
114.	45 ,, Hard Drawn Bare Copper Cable	—	
115.	14½ ,, Vulcanised Wire and Cable	—	
117.	68 Motors	—	

TENDERS RECEIVED.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Tender No. 226.

Painting Yangtszepoo Police Station.

Joe Ming Kee	Tls. 522
Ngan Zung Lee	478
Wong Chin Kee	460
Tuck Foong	450
*Lien Yung Kee	398

Tender No. 227.

Painting West Hongkew Police Station.

Joe Ming Kee	Tls. 373
Ngan Zung Lee	352
Tuck Foong	350
Wong Chin Kee	326
*Lien Yung Kee	300

*Accepted.

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